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I am an American citizen and would like to voice an opinion on the proposed settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust trial. I do not believe the proposed settlement includes strong enough assurances that Microsoft will not continue to be the monopoly it has been found to be. Please consider this a vote against the proposed settlement, as well as a vote to seek a settlement that is more favorable to Microsoft's competitors, yet unfavorable to Microsoft.

The United States is a successful nation because its free markets encourage firms to compete for customers by producing high-quality, low-cost goods. This system needs to be protected from monopolists who gain so much power that they can destroy the competitive nature of the markets in which they participate. Microsoft has directly used its monopolies to repeatedly extend its domination into other markets. For example it used its monopoly of the operating system market to take over the web browser market. And it is currently attempting the same "bundling" techniques to try to dominate the ISP market with its MSN service, the digital media market with its Windows Media Player product, the instant messaging market with its Microsoft Messenger product.

To preserve the open market, and to promote high-quality, low-cost goods, strong actions must be taken against Microsoft to curtail the abuse of its monopoly, and eventually to reduce its market share to acceptable levels that once again allow healthy competition. I do not believe the proposed settlement adequately addresses these issues.

Thank you for your time,

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